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ALL PRAISE BELONGS to Allah, the Lord of creation; and may the *salah* and *salam* [of Allah] be upon the most noble of prophets and messengers, our prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions altogether. As for what follows…

This is a brief essay regarding [some] principles in order for the Muslim to recognize the difference between his great *din* and between the new idol, the modern *shirk*, referred to as: secularism, with its variety of forms,[1] in order to keep away from it, make *bara* from it, make *takfir* of them, to have enmity towards them, to hate them, and to wage *jihad* against [it and them], whether they are intellectuals, academics, politicians, rulers, journalists, artists, [state] representatives, or they are theories, governments, systems, and so on.

The four principles are:

The first principle: the *mushrikin* whom the Messenger (*sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam*) was sent amongst affirmed the *rububiyyah* (lordship) of Allah. He (*ta‘ala*) said

Say (O Muhammad): Who provides for you from the sky and

[1] Publisher's note: Secularism is more broadly put as: Liberalism.

> from the earth? Or who owns hearing and sight? And who brings out the living from the dead and brings out the dead from the living? And who disposes the affairs? They will say: Allah. Say: Then will you not be conscious and fear Him?

And He (*ta'ala*) said

> Say: Whose is the earth and all that is in it, if you do indeed know? They will reply: It belongs to Allah. Say: Will you not then remember? Say: Who is the Lord of the seven heavens and the Lord of the great Throne? They will reply: Allah. Say: Then will you not be conscious and fear Him? Say: In whose hand is dominion over all things? And He protects while against whom there is no protector, if you know. They will reply: Allah. Say: How then are you turned away and deceived?

And He (*ta'ala*) said

> Most of them do not believe in Allah, except while they are *mushrikun*.

Even with all of this the Messenger (*sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) fought them and declared them as disbelievers. That [belief in *rububiyyah*] did not enter them into the fold of Islam. And the secularists, apart from the extremists from them, affirm the *rububiyyah* of Allah, and they perform some acts of worship; that still does not enter them into the fold of Islam. As for the extremists, they are worse as they [claim to] have no *ilah* (god), no lord, and that life is [merely] materialistic.[2]

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[2] Publisher's note: The secularists/liberalists indeed have taken a multitude of objects, whether men or their selves or constitutions, as *aliha* (gods) and *arbab* (lords). It is a religion with various sects within like other religions.

The second principle: the Messenger (*sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) came to a people whom had various legislations and man-made laws in which they used to judge between themselves with during disputes and at other times. They had ignorant customs which they used to follow, also. They did not accept the ruling and guidance of Allah. Therefore, Allah and His messenger declared their *kufr*, fought them, and did not enter them into the fold of Islam. And from their legislations is what is found in His (*ta'ala*) saying,



> Do not eat of that (meat) on which the name of Allah has not been pronounced (at the time of the slaughtering of the animal), for verily, it is *fisq*. And certainly, the *shayatin* do inspire their friends [from mankind] to dispute with you, and if you obey them, then you would indeed be *mushrikun*.

He (*ta'ala*) also said about Quraysh and those who follow them, "Or do they have partners who have legislated from the *din* what Allah did not give permission for?" And the secularists, they too have various legislations, man-made laws, and fabricated local or regional or international courts in order to judge between themselves in matters of disputes, etc. In addition, they have ignorant customs that they follow and refer to as "civilization", "enlightenment", and "development". They do not accept the ruling and guidance of Allah.

And so there is no option except to make *takfir* of them and to make *bara'ah* from them.

The third principle: the Messenger (*sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) came to a people who picked and choosed from the *din*; they would worship Allah in times of hardship, then in times of ease they would perform *shirk*. He (*ta'ala*) said

> And when they ride in a ship [in stormy seas] they call upon Allah with complete sincerity in the *din*, but when He brings them safely to the shore, they commit *shirk* with Him.

Like that they used to dedicate things to Allah and things for their idols, as it comes in His (*ta'ala*) saying, "And they say: this is for Allah, according to their claim, and this is for our partners." As for the secularists, they worship Allah in the *masjid*, in Ramadan, in marriage and divorce, and other individual matters only. In issues other than that they return to their legislations and misguided customs.

The fourth principle: the Messenger came to the *mushrikin* while they had many different lords. So from them were those who worshiped statues and idols; from them were those who worshiped angels; from them were those who worshiped the jinn; from them were those who worshiped the stars; from them were those who worshiped fire; from them were those who worshiped 'Isa ibn Maryam; from them were those who worshiped the prophets; and from them were those who worshiped the righteous. There was no difference between them in regards to their ruling: *kufr*, and in regards to fighting them. The secularists are no different.

They have many objects of worship and are different groups depending on the thing they worship. From them are those who

worship the Americans; from them are those who worship the Europeans; from them are those who worship the Russians; from them are those who worship the New World Order; from them are those who worship the rulers; from them are those who worship the ideologies; from them are those who worship nationalism and patriotism; and from them are those who worship their leaders and thinkers.

Another issue:



Similar to the above, another misguided sect emerged in our times, and they are the bridge of the secularists, their tails and lackeys. They are: the modernists. They are from the Murji-ah extremists in the matter of *iman* and *takfir*; and in the matter of *fiqh* they are people of whims, desires, and unrestraint. They submit to the current realities and compromise to the point of becoming *zanadiqah* (extreme heretics).

In closing:

We would like to add the words of Shaykh 'Abdur-Rahman ibn Muhammad ad-Dawsari (*rahimahullah*). He was, to the best of my knowledge, one of the first to expose this new idol and dreaded contemporary *shirk* named secularism. He mentioned at the end of his notes on the book *Kashf ash-Shubuhat* (first edition, 1385) by Shaykh Muhammad ibn 'Abdil-Wahhab where he (*rahimahullah*) revealed the

veil from the new idol, the contemporary *shirk*, just as Shaykh Muhammad ibn 'Abdil-Wahhab revealed the *shirk* in his time. Shaykh 'Abdur-Rahman ad-Dawsari said that Shaykh Muhammad ibn 'Abdil-Wahhab, in his book *Kashf ash-Shubuhat* dealt with the *shirk* that was in the form of calling upon the dead, the absent, and the sanctification of the graves. Then he made mention of the types of *shirk* that popped up with names and titles to fool the ignorant, which was what those who started it intended. Then he said they allied with the Jews and *Majus* when they feared the rise of the pure authentic Islam which Shaykh Muhammad ibn 'Abdil-Wahhab and his supporters established.

And in this time, they have garnered supporters from those who look like us. Thus they inflamed the ignorant with exciting slogans of nationalism in each part of the Islamic nation. The modern *shirk* then appeared with its worship of materials and desires, and sanctifying the self. Under the pretext of nationality and patriotism, a new apostasy formed in the Islamic and in particular Arab world with its nationalistic principles and schools of thought, colorfully decorated with its apparent titles such as mercy, while it is a hidden punishment.



After this introduction, Shaykh 'Abdur-Rahman ad-Dawsari spoke about the meaning of *ilahiyyah* and its foundations; they are:

1. Disbelief in everything that is worshiped.
2. Singling out Allah with all acts of worship and submitting to His rule.

Then he spoke about the reality of worship, loving for the sake of Allah, and hating the enemies of the *din*. Then he spoke about the reality of the *Millah* of Ibrahim (*'alayhis-salat wassalam*). And he said, with it (i.e., knowing the *Millah* of Ibrahim), you come to the realization that the majority of those who ascribe themselves to Islam have sunken into the modern *shirk* and what they have brought of Western principles and its materialistic outlooks. They placed the borders (*hudud*) of the nation to be above the borders (*hudud*) of Allah and gave themselves the right to choose their legislations and rulings from what opposes what Allah and His messenger have judged. They followed those who misled them from the ones they worshipped with love and exaltation and considered them lords beside Allah, such as Arabism, nationalism, and what they include of materialistic perspectives.

Then he mentioned the one who thought the nation to be a lord beside Allah with the statement of one of them:

> Your country, establish it over any religion - break fast and be deaf for its sake.

And that they permitted allying with the enemies of Allah with the excuse of race and country, and suspended ruling by the *Shari'ah* with the excuse of corrupt "development", worshiping every *taghut* for that reason. And from their false principles:

1. The principle that: the *din* is for Allah and the country is for all.
2. The principle that: the *din* is the relationship between the slave and his Lord only, and it has nothing to do with other aspects of life.
3. The principle that: the will of the people is from the will of Allah.

And he mentioned that the graduates of these colonial schools assure these principles and concepts in [the minds of] the different layers of the Islamic nation; and he said that the first means the colonists used in order to compel upon us their culture were through these schools. Then he said, "It is obligatory upon the *Muslimin*, the youth and elderly, governments and peoples, to resist this modern *shirk* and new idol" (end of summary).

May Allah send *salah* upon our prophet Muhammad, his family, and his companions altogether.


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